

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

## Claims pending

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-20.
- After this Response: Claims 1-20.

Canceled or Withdrawn claims: 4-10 and 14-18.

Amended claims: Claims 2-3, 12-13 and 19-20

New claims: None

1. (Original) A fish tape, comprising:  
an end portion; and  
a longitudinal portion comprising an outer diameter defining a substantially cylindrical shape along a longitudinal portion of the fish tape.

2. (Currently Amended) The fish tape of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of grooves for engaging an attachment mechanism formed on the end portion, the grooves extending from the end portion partially along the longitudinal portion, ~~the grooves~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The fish tape of claim 1, wherein the fish tape portion is constructed of a material selected from the group consisting of steel, stainless steel, carbon steel, and plastic.

4. (Withdrawn) The fish tape of claim 1, wherein the outer diameter further comprises a plurality of facets about the outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

1       5.    (Withdrawn)    The fish tape of claim 1, wherein the outer  
2       diameter defines an ellipsoidal shape defining a substantially oval diameter.

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4       6.    (Withdrawn)    The fish tape of claim 1, further comprising a  
5       spiral groove defined along the outer diameter and extending along the  
6       longitudinal portion.

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8       7.    (Withdrawn)    The fish tape of claim 1, further comprising at  
9       least one notch about the diameter, and a plurality of the notches along the  
10      longitudinal portion forming a repeating pattern along the longitudinal portion

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12      8.    (Withdrawn)    The fish tape, of claim 7, wherein the outer  
13      diameter comprises notches spaced apart about the diameter, and wherein a  
14      plurality of the spaced apart notches form a repeating pattern along the  
15      longitudinal portion.

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17      9.    (Withdrawn)    The fish tape of claim 1, further comprising a  
18      corrugation defining an alternating groove and a ridge extending about the  
19      diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

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21      10.   (Withdrawn)   The fish tape of claim 9, wherein the outer  
22      diameter comprises corrugations spaced apart about the diameter.

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2 11. **(Original)** A fish tape device, comprising:  
3 a fish tape comprising an end portion and a longitudinal portion comprising  
4 an outer diameter defining a substantially cylindrical shape along a longitudinal  
5 portion of the fish tape; and  
6 a reel assembly for receiving the fish tape.

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8 12. **(Currently Amended)** The fish tape device of claim 11, further  
9 comprising a plurality of grooves for engaging an attachment mechanism formed  
10 on the end portion, the grooves extending from the end portion partially along the  
11 longitudinal portion, ~~the grooves~~.

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13 13. **(Currently Amended)** The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein  
14 the fish tape portion is constructed of a material selected from the group consisting  
15 of steel, stainless steel, carbon steel, and plastic.

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17 14. **(Withdrawn)** The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the  
18 outer diameter of the fish tape further comprises a plurality of facets about the  
19 outer diameter and extending along the longitudinal portion.

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21 15. **(Withdrawn)** The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the  
22 outer diameter of the fish tape defines an ellipsoidal shape defining a substantially  
23 oval outer diameter.

1       16. **(Withdrawn)**       The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the  
2       fish tape further comprises a spiral groove defined along the outer diameter and  
3       extending along the longitudinal portion.

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5       17. **(Withdrawn)**       The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the  
6       fish tape device further comprises a plurality of notches about the diameter and  
7       extending along the longitudinal portion, and wherein the plurality of notches form  
8       a repeating pattern along the longitudinal portion.

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10      18. **(Withdrawn)**       The fish tape device of claim 11, wherein the  
11       fish tape further comprises a plurality of corrugations defining a plurality of  
12       alternating grooves and ridges extending about the diameter and extending along  
13       the longitudinal portion.

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15      19. **(Currently Amended)**    A fish tape, comprising:  
16       an end portion;  
17       a longitudinal portion comprising an outer diameter defining a substantially  
18       cylindrical shape along-a the longitudinal portion of the fish tape; and  
19       means for flexing the fish tape.

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21      20. **(Currently Amended)**    The fish tape of claim 19, further  
22       comprising means for engaging an attachment formed on the end portion, the  
23       means for engaging extending from the end portion partially along-a the  
24       longitudinal portion of the fish tape.